

ROADWAY TEAM

MINUTES for Meeting of September 15, 2005

The Vault (across from the AGC Office, Tacoma)

Attending:

X	Frank Scarsella		Bill Grady		Scott Droppelman
	Scott Stephens	X	Bob Glenn		Dan Glover
	Chris Deane	X	David Jones		
X	Jim Spaid	X	Al Dyer		Mike Morishige
X	Gil McNabb		Ken Stone		Terry Mattson
X	Larry Eik	X	Jay Drye		Casey Liles
	Troy Cowan	X	James Prouty		

Minutes of June 16, 2005 Meeting

Distributed and reviewed copies, no comments or revisions were made.

Old Business**Minutes of Other Team Meetings -**

Minutes of the June 10, 2005 Administration Team were handed out for review. It was noted that they are currently working on several new issues that may be of interest; Traffic Control, Erosion Control, Variable Start Dates, and Time for Completion.

Minutes of the August 12, 2005 Structures Team were handed out for review. It may be of interest to note that LaFarge Cement will be receiving large shipments of cement from Taiwan; this should help to alleviate some of the cement supply concerns.

Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at The State Construction Office website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

August Amendment Package – Jim Spaid distributed a listing of the August 1, 2005 Amendment Package noting that they will be included with new projects and can also be change ordered into exiting project as needed. They are also available on line on WSDOT's web site.

Section 2-02, Removal and Disposal of Hazardous Material – Jim Spaid distributed a new GSP dealing with hazardous material for review and comment. He commented that this could be paid for by force account or with a fixed price. Any comments can be returned directly to him.

2005 Tribal Conference – Dave Jones distributed pamphlets for the 2005 Tribal/State Transportation Conference to be held in Shelton on October 17-19, 2005. The conference provides an introduction to tribal historical perspectives, legal issues, sovereignty and tribal government.

Dave commented that this is a good opportunity for partnership and encouraged both department and contractors personnel to attend.

Annual Meeting - Jim Spaid noted that the annual AGC/WSDOT meeting will be scheduled for early in January 2006. He asked folks if they had suggestions for possible topics or presentation ideas for the meeting. The following suggestions were made –

- Update on hurricane damage and repairs from the Gulf Coast.
- Update on the current revenue status.
- Information on projects related to the 2010 Olympics in Canada.
- Mega Projects, both current and new.
- Anything regarding RTA and Sound Transit projects.

Section 7-02 and 7-04 – Jim provided copies of these specifications highlighting some proposed revisions regarding the use of alternate pipe installations. He asked for folks to review the proposed revisions and to provide comments at next months meeting.

Section 9-05, Metal Castings – Jim provided copies of the specifications for metal castings and discussed proposed revisions. The revisions are being done to bring the specifications up to current AASHTO and ASTM requirements. Jim Prouty will get together with East Jordan Iron Works to see if they have any comments on the revisions.

A question was raised regarding alternate designs in 9-05.15(2), how can alternate designs be approved prior to award? This is probably carried over from prior specification requirements. It will be looked at for possible rewording to reference QPL approval.

Luminaire and Sign Bases - Jim Spaid provided a copy of revisions that are being proposed for sections 2-09, 8-20, and 8-21 that cover luminaire and sign bases. These revisions are being proposed to address concerns with “glory hole” excavation and insufficient lateral support.

Jim noted that the department is also working with industry to develop specifications for allowing the installation of precast bases.

Section 2-09, Structure Excavation – Jim distributed a copy of proposed revisions to the specifications for backfilling of structure excavation. The changes focus on the requirements for CDF (controlled density fill), and were developed through the Washington Aggregate and Concrete Association. He asked that folks review the proposed revisions and provide comments at the next meeting.

Jim Spaid suggested that the Team begin to review Section 2-09 for possible upgrades to the requirements for Structure Excavation Class B, Shoring or Extra Excavation Class B and the measurement and payment for those work activities. There were a few pros and cons for having excavation as a separate item or making it incidental to the cost of pipe. No conclusions were reached but this could be a consideration.

Other Items –

Jay Drye commented that the project he discussed at the last meeting for bundling several smaller cable barrier projects into one larger project was very successful in terms of bid results. The department is looking at the possibility of utilizing this same approach with other types of projects, such as small paving projects, to reduce administration costs.

Al Dyer asked for input from the contractor's on their use of GPS for grade control. He was specifically asking whether the department provided the correct information in the contracts to allow contractors to apply this technology. A general discussion followed regarding the use of GPS, no conclusions were reached.

The payment for Erosion and Sedimentation Control Lead was discussed. A general comment was made that if we included a minimum bid amount in the plans for this item would level playing field for everyone.

Chitosan-Enhanced Sand Filters were also discussed with a comment made that there are other systems available for treating water. Examples of other systems include glass filtration with electrical charge. The concern was that the contractor should be allowed to select the most effective system and not mandated one specific type.

Discussion Topics

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity}

- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Smoothness Specification for ACP - this is an issue of information. A subcommittee of the APAW/WSDOT Joint Task Force is working on the specifics of this issue.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint

- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.
(5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?
(9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Structure Excavation Class B – backfilling trenches (5/9/03) Meas. and Payment 2-09
- Aggregate Substitution (5/9/03)
- Documentation requirements for consumables

Next Meeting

The next meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, October 20th, 2005 and December 8th, 2005** at the Tacoma AGC office. **Note that the start time has been revised to 8:30am.**